GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES–Prisons Department – Death of C.T. Prisoner No:48 Uppada Gowri Shankar @Shankar S/o Ramabangaraiah on 30.07.2024 - **Sri Vanapalli Vasudeva Rao, Warder No.169, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam**and (6) others - Exhibited misconduct and gross negligence - Initiation of Departmental Proceedings under **Rule 20 A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules 1991 read with rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Articles of charges – Issued**.

HOME (PRISONS & FIRE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 178 **Dated: 29-01-2025**

Read:

From the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri vide Lr. No. Estt-2/442/2024, Dated: 26.11.2024

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ORDER:

Whereas, it is proposed to hold an inquiry against **Sri Vanapalli Vasudeva Rao, Warder No.169, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam** and (6) others in accordance with procedure laid down under **Rule 20 A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules 1991 read with rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991** for exhibiting misconduct and gross negligence in performing of his legitimate duties by not watching the movements of prisoners in Godavari Block, which resulted in the death of CT.No:48 Uppada Gowri Shankar S/o Rambangaraiah by hanging himself on 30.07.2024 at Central Prison, Visakhapatnam.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charge (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure. II and III).

3. **Sri Vanapalli Vasudeva Rao, Warder No.169, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam** is hereby directed to submit a written statement of his defense within (10) days from the date of receipt of this memo and also to state whether he desires to be heard in person.

4. **Sri Vanapalli Vasudeva Rao, Warder No.169, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam** is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

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5. **Sri Vanapalli Vasudeva Rao, Warder No.169, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam** is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para-3 above, or otherwise fails to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of **Sri Vanapalli Vasudeva Rao, Warder No.169, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam** is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. Receipt of the memorandum shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

KUMAR VISHWAJEET
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri Vanapalli Vasudeva Rao, Warder No.169, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam through the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Managalagiri

Copy to:

The Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services,
Andhra Pradesh, Managalagiri with a request to serve this memo on the Charged officer under proper acknowledgement.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE I

(G.O.Rt.No.178, Home (Prisons & Fire) Department, Dated: 27.01.2025)

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINSTSRI VANAPALLI VASUDEVA RAO, WARDER NO.169, CENTRAL PRISON, VISAKHAPATNAM

Article of Charge:

"That the said **Sri Vanapalli Vasudeva Rao, Warder No.169, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam** has exhibited misconduct and gross negligence in performing of his legitimate duties by not watching the movements of prisoners in Godavari Block,which resulted in suicide attempt of convict prisoner, CT No.48 Uppada Gowri Shankar, S/o Rambangaraiah by hanging himself in Godavari Barrack in Central Prison, Visakhapatnam on 30-7-2024 and also led to death of the prisoner and this action on part of the charged officer amounts to clear violation of Rule No. 194of A.P. Prisons Rules, 1979 and Rule 3 of A.P.C.S. Conduct Rules, 1964.

Basis of Charge:

One Convict Prisoner No. 48 Uppada Gowri Shankar @ Sankar, S/o Rambangaraiah was convicted and sentenced to R.I. for (20) years and to pay a fine of Rs. 10,000/- i/d SI for three months U/s 3(a) r/w 4 of POCSO ACT in SC No. 151/2020 on the file of Hon'ble Special Judge, Pocso Court, Visakhapatnam on 25-07-2024 and admitted in Central Prison, Visakhapatnam on the same day. This prisoner was shifted to Godavari Barrack on 26-07-2024.

That Sri Vanapalli Vasudeva Rao, Warder No.169, Central Prison, Visahpatnam was detailed "B shift" duties at Godavari Barrack on 30.07.2024 and while performing of his duty, he has exhibited gross negligence and failed to perform legitimate duties, due to which Convict Prisoner No. 48 Uppada Gowri Shankar @ Sankar S/o Rambangaraiah has made suicide attempt by hanging himself in outside toilet on Godavari Barrack of Central Prison, Visakhapatnam on 30.7.2024. The said Warder has failed to watch movements of Convict Prisoner and it is minimum responsibility to keep strict vigilance on the movements of prisoner in order to prevent the untoward incidents. But he has failed to do so.

Thus he has violated Rule No. 194 of A.P. Prisons Rules, 1979 and Rule 3 of A.P.C.S. Conduct Rules, 1964.

Hence, the **Charge.**

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ANNEXURE II

(G.O.Rt.No.178, Home (Prisons & Fire) Department, Dated: 27.01.2025)

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI VANAPALLI VASUDEVA RAO, WARDER NO.169, CENTRAL PRISON, VISAKHAPATNAM ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

1. Statement of Sri R. Chinna Rao, Jailor, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam
2. Statment of Sri L.V.S. Naidu, Deputy Jailor, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam
3. Statement of Sri D.V. Ramana Murthy, Head Warder, Sub-Jail, Managalaigri working on attachment at Central Prison, Visakhapatnam
4. Duty Chart of Guarding Staff as on 30-07-2024
5. Nominal Roll of CT No.48 Uppada Gowri Shankar @ Shankar, S/o Rama Bangaraiah
6. Inquest report, dated 31.07.2024 on the deceased prisoner, CT No. 48, Uppada Gowri Shankar S/o Rambangaraiah.

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ANNEXURE- III

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI VANAPALLI VASUDEVA RAO, WARDER NO.169, CENTRAL PRISON, VISAKHAPATNAM ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

1. Sri R. Chinna Rao, Jailor, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam
2. Sri L.V.S. Naidu, Deputy Jailor, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam
3. Sri D.V. Ramana Murthy, Head Warder, Sub-Jail, Managalaigri working on attachment at Central Prison, Visakhapatnam

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